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Re:

New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal

For: OBJECT DETECTION APPARATUS, OBJECT DETECTION

METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT

By: Daisaku HORIE and Yuusuke NAKANO

Attorney Docket: 15162/05690

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with OBJECT DETECTION APPARATUS, OBJECT DETECTION METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT, by Daisaku HORIE and Yuusuke NAKANO, inventors.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization):
- (2) Specification (66 pages, including 23 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings (42 sheets) (Figs. 1-42); and
- (4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (7 pages).

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (5) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- (6) PTO-1449 Form (1 page);
- (7) Copy of three (3) references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement;
- (8) Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document (2 pages) transmitting a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-397999 (59 pages);
- (9) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to KONICA MINOLTA HOLDINGS, INC., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (10) One Return Receipt Post Card each for the following grouping of items: (1)-(4), (5)-(7), (8), and (9) above.

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